



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 198

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Hambley and G. Johnson, Bishoff, Boose, Hackett, Hill, Green, M. O'Brien

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Abolishes the humane society's authority to employ an attorney and assistant attorneys to prosecute certain violations of law dealing with animal cruelty or acts involving abandonment, mistreatment, or nonsupport of children or nonsupport of a destitute parent.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Abolition of humane society's authority to employ attorneys

The bill outright repeals the statute authorizing a humane society or its agent to employ an attorney and to also employ one or more assistant attorneys to prosecute violations of law relating to:<sup>1</sup>

- Prevention of cruelty to animals or children;
- Abandonment, nonsupport, or ill-treatment of a child by its parent;
- Employment of a child under 14 years of age in public exhibitions or vocations injurious to health, life, or morals or which cause or permit such child to suffer unnecessary physical or mental pain;
- Neglect or refusal of an adult to support destitute parent.

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 2931.18.

The law to be repealed requires the attorneys to be paid out of the county treasury in an amount approved as just and reasonable by the board of county commissioners of that county.<sup>2</sup>

Under continuing law, the authority to prosecute the violations of those law lies with a prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or other chief legal officer.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-11-15

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 2931.18.

